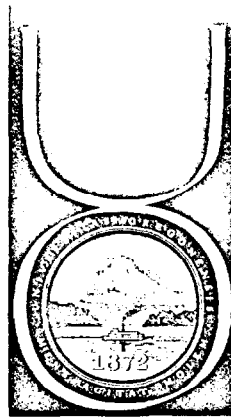


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I think you know what I
feel about this. I have
any kind of reputation of a
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Dear Josh:

Here is a copy of the letter that I was referring to, the one which made me think that perhaps Stanford no longer could stand on its great reputation as a genetics center, but had to somehow, perhaps sneakily, offer additional cash to get their students. I am undoubtedly wrong in interpreting the "very good offer" as a financial consideration but I honestly would like to know whether you have worked out such a better approach to the students that your offer just seems to be better than ours. If so I would appreciate any hints you could give us so that we could begin to compete.

Yours sincerely,

Ed Novitski, Head
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EN:vj
Enclosure

Yes I think finances
and nothing to do with it;
just an infelicitous phrase
in his part. I think what
appealed to him was that we specialize
our students rather early (hence stress maturity)
and he found an excellent match to his
interests in Gamson's laboratory,
which is where he is assigned

Joshua

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